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MEMORANDUM

TO: ☐ ☐

FROM: ☐ ☐

SUBJECT: OROFUS Monthly Activities Report for the period 15 October -  
14 November 1953 inclusive.

1. Personnel

The OROFUS desk is now composed of 13 persons. They are assigned primary duties and responsibilities as follows:

Direction, Plans and Administration	7
Case officer duties	3
Operational Support	1
Training	1
Secretarial duties	1

2. Production

Positive reports	4
Dispatches	53
Cables	26

3. Support Functions

Our support functions consist of providing ☐ ☐ with material, the distribution of clothing for ☐ and the provision of secretarial assistance for ☐ ☐

4. Operational Activity

a. Operational activities implemented or acted upon:

- (1) Apple/2. The question of APPLE's status was conclusively resolved on the night of 23 October when a resupply mission flown to the team was met by anti-aircraft fire at the D/Z. With skill and luck the pilot of the airplane was able to escape the trap after one engine had been knocked out and escaped to Brindisi. Subsequent to this mission we received information from a presumably well placed source that APPLE had been controlled for a period of months. An analysis of this operation is now being prepared here.
- (2) The team exfiltrated between 19 and 21 October. They were forced to fight their way out after having been betrayed to internal security forces by one of their contacts. Debriefing reports on this operation

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are now being forwarded to headquarters.

- (3) AILION Operation. Four containers holding food, clothing and a note instructing AILION to infiltrate were prepared for delivery to the island in the Drin on the night of 23 October. As the airplane went to the APOLLON first and was there forced to depart from Albania by the shortest route, these containers were not delivered. They were jettisoned over the Adriatic sea. We have no further plans involving AILION for the remainder of the winter. Headquarters comments on this matter would be appreciated.

b. CE Activities

None, other than the usual effort to detect agents in the course of refugee interrogations.

c. Future operations in Planning stage - Recruitment and Training Program.

- (1) CASH is being brought to Athens so that his potentialities can be carefully reviewed and his operational value assessed.
- (2) AIDICE - No change from last month's report.
- (3) ZADUNCE continues to interview refugees and maintain his card file.
- (4) The T standbys have been enrolled in an English course given in Athens. This has been arranged to occupy them during the winter months so their morale will not deteriorate. The cost of this instruction is very nominal.
- (5) We are planning to send [ ] to Salzburg in the near future to assess the four men in the so-called Gruda group. Those with operational potential, if any, will be picked up black at a later date for operational training.
- (6) [ ] is now in the process of interrogating Sol BULLMAN prior to his LOFLUTTER. A decision on the use of this prospect should be made during the next month.

d. Inactive operations.

- (1) WILLOW TREE will not be mounted again this year.
- (2) THROTTLER will not be mounted again this year.

e. Terminated Operations

- (1) UNDEMIAN, T/T trainee, was delivered to ALATEA's office for isolation on the island of Paros on 13 November 1953. He will remain there for at least a year until his knowledge of OPOFUT operational personnel becomes obsolete. This action was taken after [ ] decided to refuse our offer to transfer UNDEMIAN to him. UNDEMIAN's increasing

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disinterest in his job and his commission of security violations made his removal from the project imperative.

f. Conclusions

- (1) We cannot minimize the importance of the setback we received by the loss of our APPLE Operation. Although we have been working on the assumption that this team was controlled for some time we had not written it off. The control of this team very probably explains the disappearance of PLUM, ORANGE and APPLE/3. Our successful operations for this season therefore number two - one penetration to the Korca area by ALLOn and one penetration to the Korca area by FIG. Although THROTTLE succeeded in walking in and out of Albania, this exploit cannot be regarded as particularly significant.
- (2) It may be possible to pursue the ALLOn affair next year if a team can be assembled for infiltration to northern Albania.
- (3) This month and next are being devoted to assessing our assets and spotting for next year's operations. We are being guided in these activities by the plan for '54 operations handled ☐ by ☐ in London, until more precise requirements are placed on us.

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